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SUBJECT: GATT WORKING PARTY ON ROMANIAN CUSTOMS TARIFF

REF: EC BRUSSELS 1647

1. WHILE KLEIN'S PRESENTATION OF THE EC POSITION IS
LARGELY THE SAME AS THAT GIVEN US ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS
BY KAWAN, THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES WORTH NOTING.
MOST PARTICULARLY, KAWAN HAS DEPLORED THE FORMULATION
THAT THE ROMANIAN TARIFF QTE HAS SOME BUT NOT
DETERMINING EFFECT ON ROMANIA'S FOREIGN TRADE UNQTE.
HE HAS CONSISTENTLY STUCK TO FORMULATION ROMANIAN
TARIFF HAS NO EFFECT WHICH WE HAVE TOLD
HIM GOES BEYOND WHAT WE ARE PREPARED TO SAY.
ON ONE OCCASION, HOWEVER, KAWAN ADMITTED THAT THE EC
COULD IN THE END ACCEPT THE US FORMULATION BUT THAT
FOR TACTICAL REASONS IT WANTED TO STICK TO THE
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QTE NO EFFECT UNQTE FORMULATION FOR THE TIME BEING.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE CONCERNS NOTED IN PARA 3 REFTTEL, KAWAN HAS ALSO MENTIONED THE EC CONCERN WITH THE POSSIBLE PRECEDENT OF ANY CONCLUSION ABOUT THE ROMANIAN TARIFF UPON EC RELATIONS WITH OTHER EE COUNTRIES. WE HAVE NOTED TO KAWAN THAT, WHILE WE SHARE MOST OF EC OBJECTIVES, WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SUPPORT EC CONTINUED USE OF QRS ON IMPORTS FROM ROMANIA.

3. WHILE IT IS NOT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT WHO SUGGESTED POSTPONEMENT, KAWAN TOLD US TWO WEEKS AGO THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE WORKING PARTY MEETING HELD OFF AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. WE REPLIED THAT WE HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH POSTPONEMENT.

4. KAWAN HAS SUGGESTED US-EC-ROMANIANS MEET TRIPARTITELY BEFORE NEXT MEETING. WE AGREE AND WILL SUPPORT IDEA. DALE

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